



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 396

By Representatives Curtis Johnson, Pitts, Phillip Johnson, Armstrong, Bass, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Brown, Campbell, Camper, Carr, Casada, Cobb, Coley, Cooper, Curtiss, Dean, John DeBerry, Lois DeBerry, Dennis, Dunn, Elam, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Favors, Fitzhugh, Floyd, Ford, Forgety, Gilmore, Gotto, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Harmon, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Hensley, Hill, Hurley, Jones, Keisling, Kernell, Lollar, Lundberg, Maggart, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McDonald, McManus, Larry Miller, Don Miller, Montgomery, Moore, Naifeh, Niceley, Parkinson, Powers, Pruitt, Ramsey, Rich, Richardson, Roach, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sontany, Sparks, Stewart, Swann, Tidwell, Tindell, Todd, Towns, Johnnie Turner, Mike Turner, Watson, Weaver, White, Ryan Williams, Kent Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick and Madame Speaker Harwell

and

Senators Berke, Barnes

A RESOLUTION commending the members of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), United States Army, comprise an outstanding unit which has, since its inception, defined the Army's modern night fighting aviation capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 160th is known throughout the world as the "Night Stalkers," a fitting description of their ability to strike undetected under the cover of darkness and their impeccable performance throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, over the past thirty years, the 160th has supported some of the most dangerous, daring, and important missions undertaken by the military and by U.S. intelligence agencies. Most recently, the 160th played a major role in the nighttime raid conducted by the Navy SEALs on a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, which resulted in the death of Osama Bin Laden; and

WHEREAS, first formed from attachments of the 101st Airborne Division, the 160th was first officially recognized as a unit, the 160th Aviation Battalion, on October 16, 1981, and was later designated as the 160th Special Operations Aviation Group (Airborne) on October 16, 1986; and

WHEREAS, as it continued to grow, the unit was activated as the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in June of 1990 and it is now comprised of: First Battalion and Second Battalion, Fort Campbell; Headquarters and Headquarters Company; 3rd Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; 4th Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington; and Special Operations Aviation Training Company; and

WHEREAS, the Night Stalkers have contributed to some of the most important missions of the past three decades, including Operation Prime Chance, Operation Mount Hope III, Operation Just Cause, and Operation Uphold Democracy, and their abilities have been invaluable in the War on Terror, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Night Stalkers have long held true to their motto of "Night Stalkers Don't Quit," and the members of the 160th SOAR (A), even in the face of grave danger, have

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displayed courage, tenacity, valor, and bravery in fulfilling their missions, which are carried out in darkness all over the world and serve to strike fear into the hearts of America's enemies; and

WHEREAS, their courageous service stands as an enduring example of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our Nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize the brave and noble members of the Night Stalkers, as they have made and continue to make untold and innumerable personal sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and will continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the men and women of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) for their service to this country, for their bravery in the face of danger, and for their many contributions to nighttime military tactics.

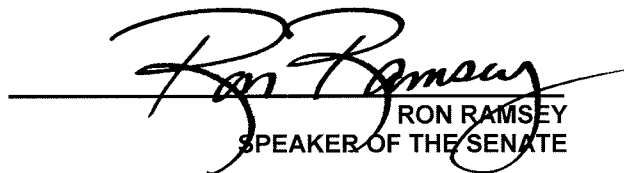
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 16, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR